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Large-Area Metal Film Provided)
Between Shield and Element)

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002-319112, 2000-123325, 2001-307307 and 2002-232040 disclose a CPP GMR head comprising a wider electrode portion than an element.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001-266313, 2002-314168 and 2002-305338 disclose bias means are disposed on the outside of an element.

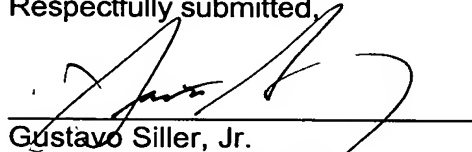
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